

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 11, hence claim 11 is canceled. New claims 20-22 are added. Claims 1-10, 12-18 and 20-22 are pending in the application.

Support for new claims 20-22 is found, for example, at page 4, line 12 of the specification.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-11 is acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of canceled claim 11. Hence, it is believed claims 1-11 are in allowable form.

The foregoing amendment to claim 1 renders moot the rejection under 35 USC §103 of claims 1 and 18 in view of Weir, Natarajan, and U.S. Patent No. 6,175,569 to Ellington, Jr. et al.

The allowance of claims 12-17 is acknowledged with appreciation.

In view of the above, it is believed this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any missing or insufficient fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), to Deposit Account No. 50-0687, under Order No. 95-311, and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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